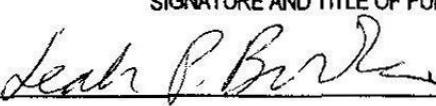


**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation**

Return to: Secretary of State, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5077

1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER <b>Prairie Pioneer</b>		2. DATE OF FILING	
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE <b>Weekly</b>		3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY <b>52</b>	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE <b>\$26 trade territory</b>
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) <b>117 Main St. PO Box 218 Pollock, SD 57648</b>			
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers)			
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: <b>Allan &amp; Leah Burke</b>			
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given. FULL NAME <b>Heartland Publishing, Inc., PO Box 218, 117 Main St., Pollock, SD 57648</b> COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS			
8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.)			
9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION (See Instructions on reverse side)		AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)		<b>1825</b>	<b>1850</b>
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.		<b>66</b>	<b>30</b>
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)		<b>1588</b>	<b>1602</b>
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)		<b>1654</b>	<b>1632</b>
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS		<b>81</b>	<b>139</b>
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES		<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)		<b>1742</b>	<b>1771</b>
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing		<b>83</b>	<b>79</b>
2. Return from News Agents			
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A)		<b>1825</b>	<b>1850</b>
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER			
I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete. 			

State of South Dakota

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Sworn to before me this 19 day of

Oct, 2001

Connie A. Bossert

Notary Public

My commission expires.....

**CONNIE A. BOSSERT**

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